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## LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR STATE ROUTE 14

**Palmdale** - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close one lane on the northbound and southbound Antelope Valley Freeway (State Route 14) every day from Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 8.

- Southbound from Avenue P to Pearblossom Highway (Highway 138), one lane will be closed from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Northbound from Pearblossom Hwy to Avenue P, one lane will be closed from 10p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound, the Vincent undercrossing off-ramp will be closed from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Southbound, the Vincent undercrossing on-ramp will be closed from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m.
- The contractor will also close the Avenue Q undercrossing and the Avenue R undercrossing on Monday, April 4, from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. One lane will be available for traffic, which will be controlled by flaggers.

This project is to reconstruct the median on Route 14 to add High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes from Mountain Springs Road to Avenue P-8 in the city of Palmdale. There has been a sharp increase in traffic congestion on Route 14 during peak hours, largely due to its vital role as a major travel corridor in the region, and rapid population growth in the cities of Santa Clarita, Palmdale, and Lancaster. Providing an HOV lane on Route 14 will relieve congestion, improve traffic flow, reduce accident rates, improve operation and enhance safety. Construction began on March 9, 2005 and is expected to complete spring 2007.

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